



## FACT SHEET: REGULATED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) TEMPORARY CLOSURE

### STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. Contact the local Building Official (or designated fire official) and obtain a building permit, and comply with any local inspection requirements.
2. Owners and operators must continue operation and maintenance of all corrosion protection, release detection, and comply with operator training requirements during the temporary closure period—but operator training and release detection are not required as long as the UST remains empty. The UST system is empty when no more than 1 inch of residue, or 0.3% by weight of the total capacity of the UST system, remains in the system.
3. Cathodic protection tests must continue to be conducted every 3 years for cathodically protected tanks and/or piping. Likewise, impressed current systems must remain “on” and the rectifier read every 60 days and records kept. Internal lining inspections must continue to be conducted 10 years after liner installation and every 5 years thereafter.
4. The owner or operator of a UST must submit a UST Notification Form (Form 7530) to DEQ within 30 days following cessation of use of that UST. The owner/operator may provide notice for several tanks at the same facility using one notification form, but owners or operators with temporary closed tanks at more than one facility must file a separate notification for each facility.
5. Once an UST system has been temporarily closed for three months, the product lines, pumps, manways, and ancillary equipment must be capped and secured; the vent lines must remain open and functioning.
6. Owners/operators of new or upgraded USTs may go into temporary closure indefinitely as long as all requirements are being met.

Additional information regarding temporary closure requirements or other UST requirements may be obtained by reviewing the UST regulation at 9VAC25-580.310 or contacting a DEQ tank staff member at the following phone numbers:

#### **Central Office:**

Office of Spill Response and Remediation	(804) 698-4010
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#### **Regional Offices:**

Tidewater Region (Virginia Beach)	(757) 518-2000
Northern Region (Woodbridge)	(703) 583-3800
Piedmont Region (Richmond)	(804) 527-5020
Valley Region (Harrisonburg)	(540) 574-7800
Blue Ridge Region (Salem)	(540) 562-6700
Southwest Region (Abingdon)	(276) 676-4800